Attended by Wikipedia Founder, HM Award for eGovernment Award Ceremony concludes today evening

Press Release

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The Sultan Qaboos Award for Excellence in eGovernment 2014 will be ending its journey today evening at the Sultan Qaboos University Cultural Centre Grand Hall, at 7:30 PM, awarding the achievements and innovation in eGovernment, under the auspices of HE Dr. Ali bin Masoud Al Sunaidy, Minister of Commerce & Industry, Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Planning, in the presence of some senior officials from government and private sectors and the ceremony guest of honor Mr. Jimmy Wales, Founder of Wikipedia.

Speaking on the occasion, Omar Salim Al Shanfari, Deputy CEO for Operations at ITA, stated: "The ITA is honored to organize the Sultan Qaboos Award for Excellence in eGovernment in its fourth edition and we are pleased today to award the dedicated efforts that have been made by the participating organizations in the provision of eServices in the Sultanate. The Award organizing committee is committed to the highest international standards in the evaluation of the participating projects in order to contribute in accelerating the implementation of the eTransformation plan."

Founder of Wikipedia presentation

During his visit to the Sultanate as the Award Ceremony Guest of Honor, Mr. Jimmy Wales, Founder of Wikipedia, will give a one hour presentation entitled “Harnessing the Power of Social Media and Wiki Future” to the students from colleges and universities in the Sultanate and IT specialists and enthusiasts, today 3rd December 2014, at Lecture Theatre 1 at SQU, at 11 AM.

For more information

The Information Technology Authority (ITA), as the authority responsible for establishing and managing the Sultan Qaboos Award for Excellence in eGovernment, advises potential applicants from the three target segments to contact the Award Management Team at ITA for more information via email: HMaward@ita.gov.om; or by telephone: +968 24166800; or by fax: +968 24166604. The Award website www.ita.gov.om/hmaward also serves as a resource of valuable information related to the Award program.

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